towards the Regency of the Empress. Can you not bring yourself to this ? Haven't you enough good sense to do this?

Otherwise you must retire quietly to a chateau forty leagues from Paris. If I survive, you can live there quietly. If I die, you will be assassinated or arrested. You will be useless to me, to the family, to your daughters, to France, but you will be doing no harm and will not embarrass me. Decide at once, choose your path.

8th. Communications with Mainz are cut.

10th. (To Marshal Macdonald.) You must see how important it is to delay the enemy's advance. Use the foresters, the game-keepers, the national guards, to harass the enemy as much as possible.

12th. General Billow is concentrating at Breda. General Bliicher, with the army of Silesia, has debouched by Coblentz, and is marching on Metz. A third body, commanded by Prince Schwarzenberg, has debouched by Bale.

No preparations are to be made for abandoning Paris; if necessary we must be buried under its ruins.

17th. I am sending cavalry, infantry, and artillery to Chalons, where I expect to place my headquarters very soon.

(To Marshal Victor.) The Emperor disapproves your abandoning Nancy. His Majesty orders you not to leave the line of the Moselle without fighting. It is bringing the enemy down on us, and doing us the greatest harm.

18th. I continue receiving, through the police, the most alarming news from the north.